

DUVALL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING JUNE 23RD, 2008

Roll Call -- Duvall Library Board members present: Don Barden, Alan Butler, Paige Denison, Denny Redman, Karen Wallin.

Duvall Library: Fred Gurney

City of Duvall Planning Department: Cari Hornbein

River Current News: Carol Ladwig

Call to order: 6:00 PM

At the suggestion of Chairperson Paige Denison, regular procedures were suspended at beginning of the meeting in order to accommodate Duvall Planning Department Head, Cari Hornbein's schedule.

As a result the meeting began with old business:

Re: Status update on new facility:

Cari reported that not a lot has transpired since the last meeting as far as the new library site plan---that Washington Holding has been talking to KCLS about the Memorandum of Understanding of which she has seen a draft. Also, in an effort to facilitate projects, the City of Duvall staff has implemented a new policy of expediency to help the developers though the process and had a good meeting with Washington Holding recently.

One of the development issues from an earlier site plan is a wetland issue--to which Don Barden inquired for a further explanation. Cari explained that "Thayer Creek runs through the property and has an associated wetland and there's one point where the wetland takes a little jog, which makes the land buffer between proposed building sites to the wetland less than the code allows. So that issue needs to be revisited since the area is between Thayer Creek and Big Rock and things are a little bit constrained in there and they are trying to prevent the loss of more units. We're trying to work with them so they can achieve as many units as possible."

Don also asked how the city defines a wetland to which Cari replied, "actually there are protocols and rules and regulations and manuals and books on it and I'm not a scientist but we hire a consultant and based on soils and vegetation and the present hydrology there's a pretty well-accepted methodology."

Karen wondered about how long a variance process might take; to which Cari replied that if it was something that was wrapped in the project approval, it probably wouldn't add any more time.

"This is a pretty small blip, isn't it," asked Paige, "just a finger". Cari: "This is a pretty small blip. But it's associated with a high-value wetland that's associated with a salmon-bearing stream, we may not have a lot of ability to reduce the buffer."

Allen Butler asked, "Couldn't you just take away this wetland and add more wetland somewhere else?" Cari: "That gets complicated because then you get into wetland replacement and different ratios for replacement and it goes through a lot of scrutiny and review."

Karen: "Why are we just now dealing with this?" Cari: "Well we have known about this for a long time and this wetland is on the other side of the road from the library site so it really has no bearing on the library. I don't think it's going to hold things up."

I just think we need to get through the documentation and then make decisions. It's kind of hard to make decisions on things we don't have applications on yet."

"The city is also getting together a "charrette" (design workshop) a gathering of property owners (Washington Holding and Cam West Properties) and the new college and the library and including some design consultants who will help facilitate the charrette and right now we're scheduled for July 15th, from 9 TO 6. We'll have representatives from KCLS, the city and college. We have two different property owners and two different design teams here and what we want to achieve with this session is to bring all the parties to the table and just have a dialogue about what's the shared vision.

We will look at the perimeters of the project as to how it will affect site planning and we want to make sure that we're all thinking on the same page. It's an opportunity for us to get it right the first time this way. And we want to focus on the bigger picture for this area and as we move forward, we'll hopefully buy into what the concept is and where we're heading with this so that when we review future applications even by other property owners we at least have something that's defined on the books. So we want to ask the question: How can these two projects link and blend together so that they feel like one whole... a project we refer to as the Big Rock Village...how can we create a place that feels like a village instead of disparate parts. Obviously we have parameters that we need to work with, such as our road standards and so on."

We have an outside facilitator to preside at the "charrette". His name is Robert Yakas. He's an architect, a community planner and delineator and we think it's good to get a neutral party to facilitate this event.

Paige: Also, I noticed on the city web site on the home page that the little note that's been there forever about needing a city planner was removed. So do we have a new planner?

Cari: Yes, I put the word out at the National Planning Conference of our need and met some folks from the eastside of the mountains who said "we know somebody you might be interested in" and he was just rounding out his master's degree and was at the conference and we just had a very informal meeting. I liked him and urged him to apply with us as at the assistant or associate level. And it turned out that he was a fit and he's starting on the 7th of July. His name is Chris Green.

Paige: That's wonderful. Congratulations.

Cari: Thank you. I'll bring him to a meeting----your next meeting in July.

Old business continued:

Chair Denison provided meeting with a Duvall Rotary Foundation update.

Previous minutes from May 2008 meeting, were read by Alan Butler. After discussion Denny moved to approve the minutes. Karen seconded and minutes were approved.

New Business:

Fred Gurney from the Duvall Library provided updates and needs for the Duvall Library:

1. Hours at the Duvall Library have been extended on Wednesday--- now opening at 10 AM.
2. Library Advisory Board Directories were available.
3. Fred also said the Director's Report link will be provided.
4. He provided us with his email address if we have any further questions:
gurneyfr@kcls.org
5. Summer reading program has begun at all libraries and it's a big hit with 8042 children signing up in the first two days with online registration.
6. Freedom of expression was discussed through the library system.
7. Play-way audio books (MP3s) are now available through the library system. Books are pre-loaded and ready for distribution but only through the on-line catalogue.
8. Woodinville Library Community Study was discussed by Fred as an example of how useful such studies can be to help explain current demographics of your community--- which also helps to explain why the Woodinville Library is planning a downtown satellite to facilitate patrons in that part of the community.

Duvall has had a similar study within the last three or four years.

Paige opened discussion on the Annual Report for the City of Duvall.

Typically in August, the Library Board gives an annual report to the City of Duvall. Paige was willing to make up the report and has full board approbation for such an effort. And especially in these times of developing a new facility, the report will have more gravity than ever. But she is looking for input from all members if they have anything they wish to include.

Board of Trustees Meeting—for June 24th was discussed. As was Carnation Library's temporary facility at the Senior Center.

Joe Lee Davidson was not present for DCC Friends Report. Next Library Board meeting scheduled for July 28th.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Denny Redman

